MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is it for gravelling purpose only?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now.

MR. K SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know when the estimate was prepared and sanction obtained?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information.

Alleppey-Shertallai Road.

213. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Alleppey-Shertallai road will be ready for traffic; and

(*b*) whether the only bridge on this road has been completed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The gravelling of the Alleppey-Shertallai road was expected to be completed by the end of Audi last and the road will be available for light traffic from the middle of Chingam.

(*b*) The masonry of the bridge is completed and arrangements are being made to provide a platform and this will also be completed by the middle of Chingam.

Shertallai-Arthinkal Road.

214. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sanctioned thickness of the coating of the Shertallai-Arthinkal road;

(*b*) its sanctioned width;

(*c*) whether this road was inspected by the Chief Engineer;

(*d*) whether it was inspected by the Executive Engineer at any time during the year 1102;

(*e*) whether the Chief Engineer has received any letter or letters stating the poor quality of this road; and

(*f*) if so, the action taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4 inches.

(*b*) 10 feet.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) A maintenance grant has been sanctioned for the road and it will be kept in good condition.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): With reference to part (*d*), may I know whether the Chief Engineer was satisfied with the condition of the road that he saw at the time of his inspection?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not contended that the road is in good condition.

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Was he satisfied that it was in a bad condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is what he says.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Has the Executive Engineer inspected the road at any time before he went along with the Chief Engineer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): How many times has the Executive Engineer visited the road last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No information has been collected on that point. Besides, that does not seem to arise as a supplementary question in this connection, Sir.

Training School for Women in North Travancore.

215. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Training Schools for Vernacular School Teachers in the State?

(2) Are the Government aware that women teachers in the northern parts of the State are put to very great inconvenience in having to go all the way to Trivandrum to get themselves trained?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of starting a Training School for women teachers somewhere in North Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) 20 of which 11 are departmental and 9 private.

(2) The Government are aware that women teachers in departmental schools in the northern districts are put to some inconvenience for want of a departmental training school there.

(3) Yes.

Percentages of Passes in History in the E. S. L. C. Examinations.

216. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the percentages of passes in optional histories in the E. S. L. C. Examinations in the last three years (1100 to 1102);

(*b*) whether they consider the percentages sufficiently satisfactory; and

(*c*) if not, whether they have enquired into the causes of failure in both Indian and English histories?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Of those examined in History of India, and those examined in the History of Great Britain and Ireland, the percentages of those securing 35 per cent. of the maximum marks for the last three years are given below:—

	1925	*1926*	*1927*
History of India	48·7	54·4	63·9
History of Great Britain and Ireland	40·6	55·3	43·7

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